

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Arie Cornelis BESEMER et al.

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Examiner Leigh Maier

CARBOHYDRATE OXIDATION PRODUCTS AND DERIVATIVES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

May 7, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2003 and the Notice of Appeal filed February 9, 2004, for which the period for response has been extended one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.